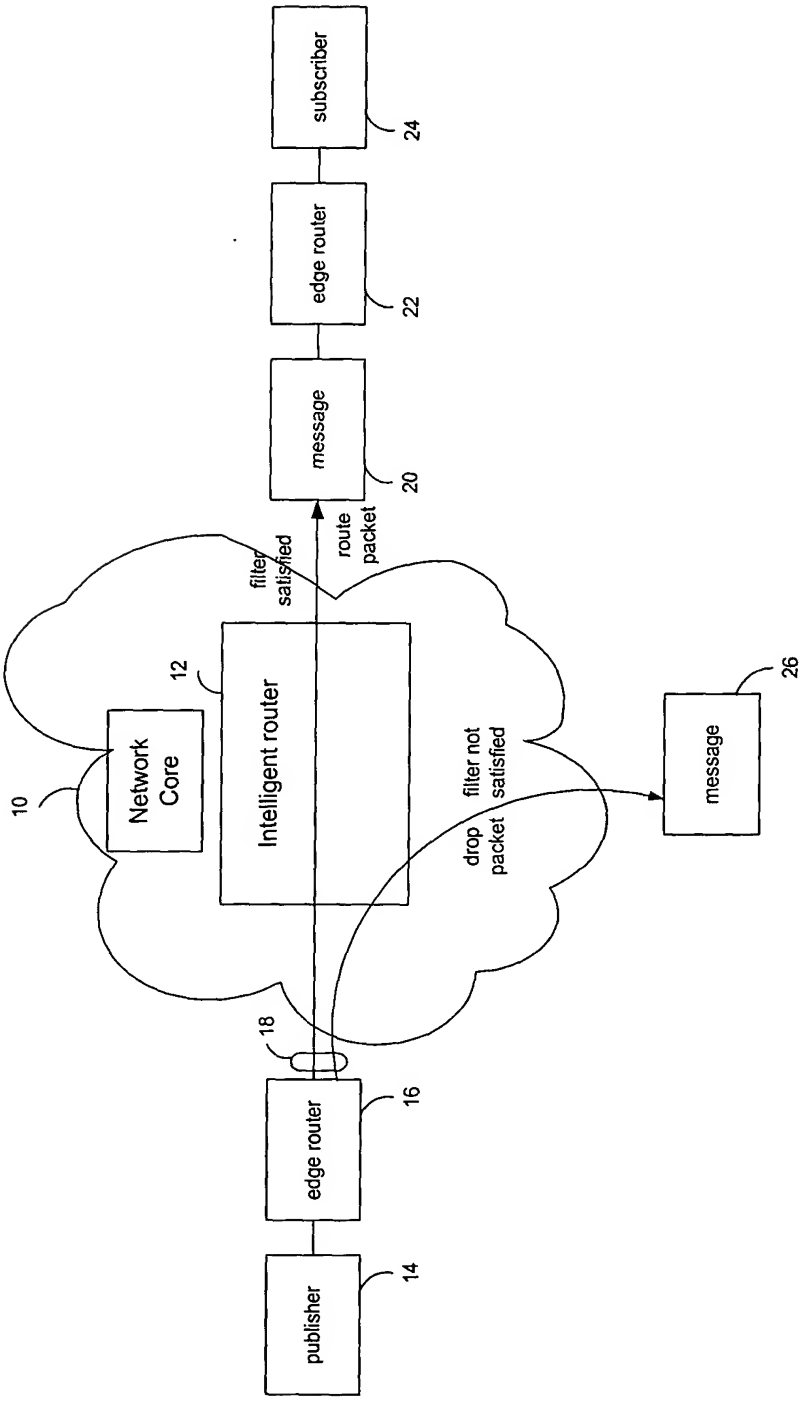

subscriber
24
edge router
22
message
20
route packet
filter satisfied
12
Intelligent router
Network Core
10
filter not satisfied
drop packet
message
26
18
edge router
16
publisher
14

FIG. 1

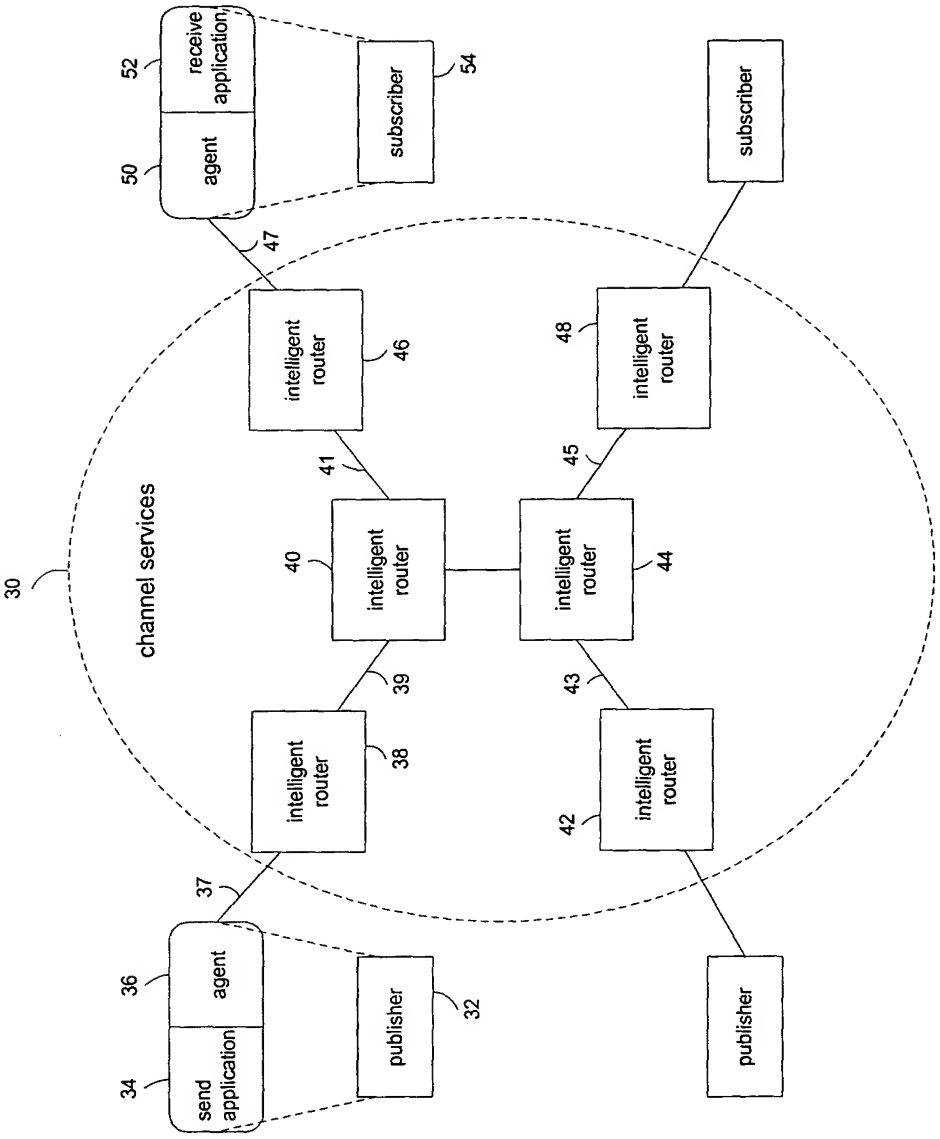

30
channel services
receive application
agent
52
50
47
subscriber
54
subscriber
intelligent router
46
48
intelligent router
41
45
40
intelligent router
intelligent router
44
39
43
intelligent router
38
intelligent router
42
37
agent
send application
36
34
publisher
32
publisher

FIG. 2

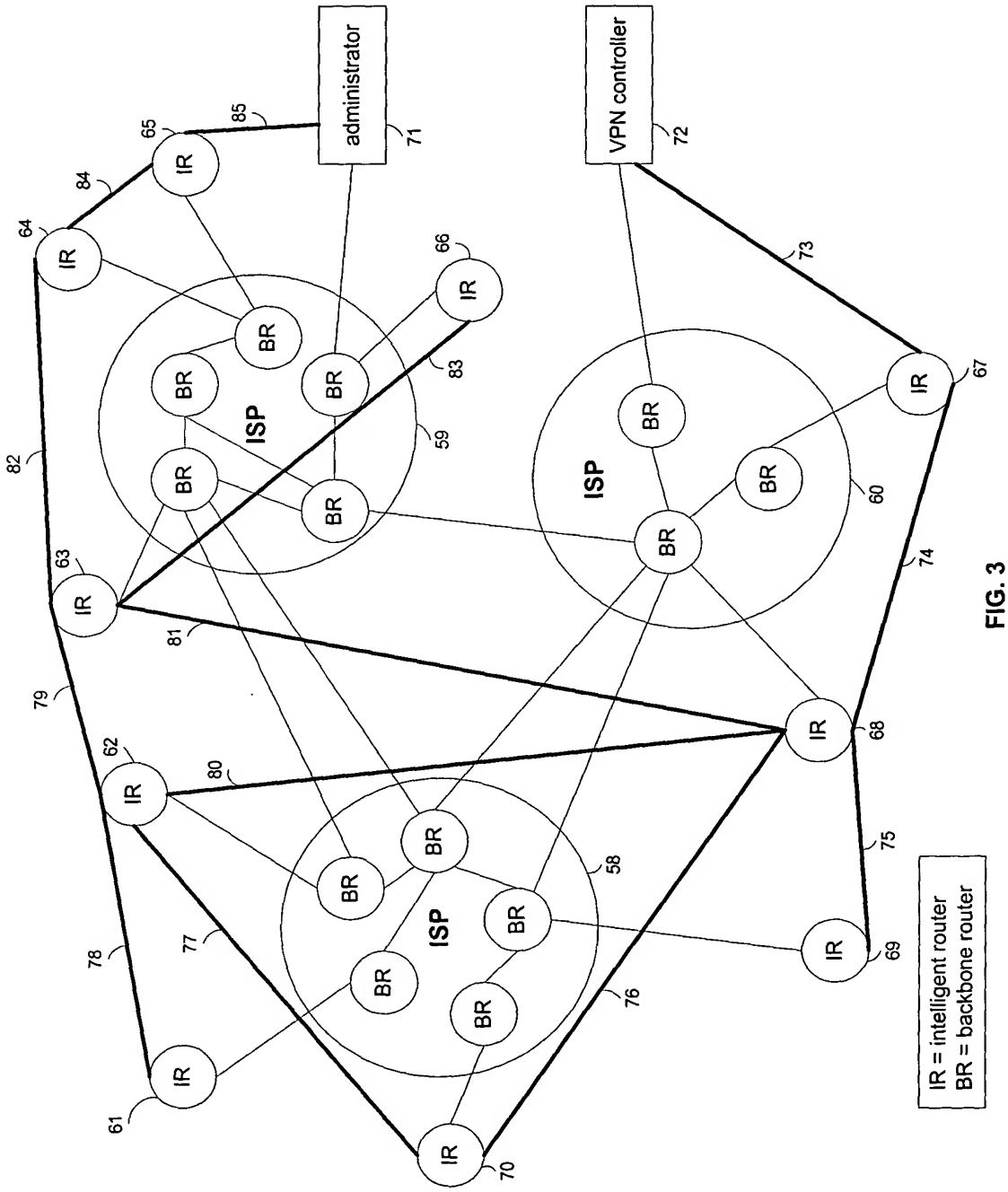

administrator
71
VPN controller
72
ISP
59
ISP
60
ISP
58
IR
BR
IR = intelligent router
BR = backbone router

FIG. 3

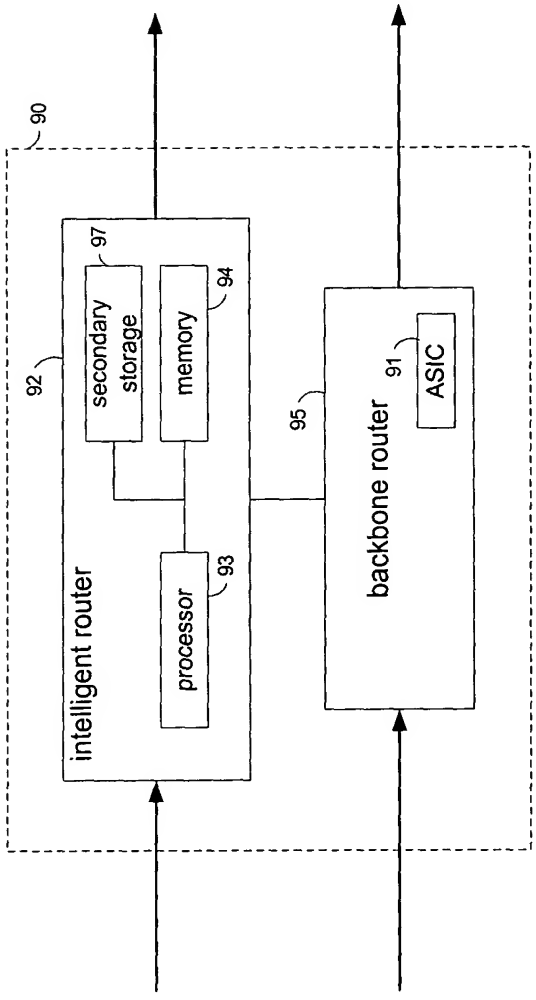

90
97
secondary storage
94
memory
92
intelligent router
93
processor
95
backbone router
91
ASIC

FIG. 4

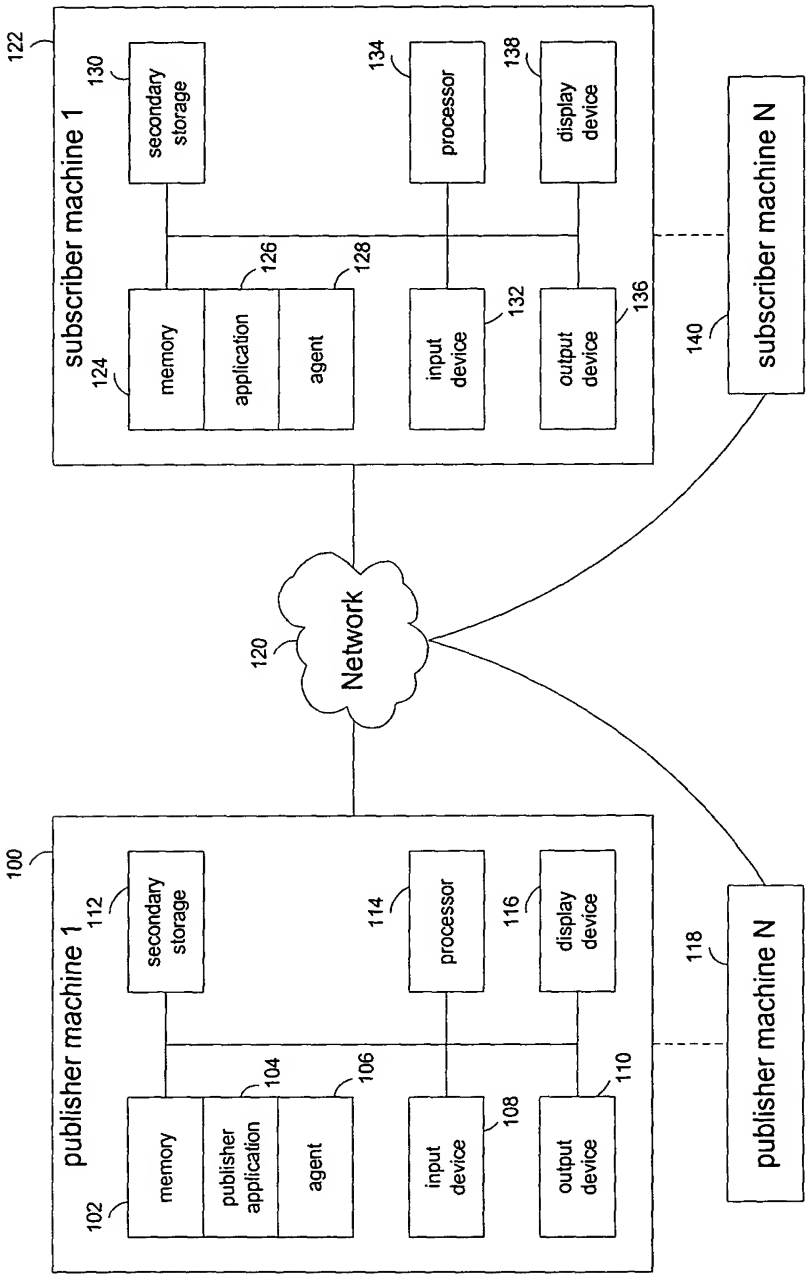

100
publisher machine 1
102
memory
104
publisher application
106
agent
108
input device
110
output device
112
secondary storage
114
processor
116
display device
118
publisher machine N
120
Network
122
subscriber machine 1
124
memory
126
application
128
agent
130
secondary storage
132
input device
134
processor
136
output device
138
display device
140
subscriber machine N

FIG. 5

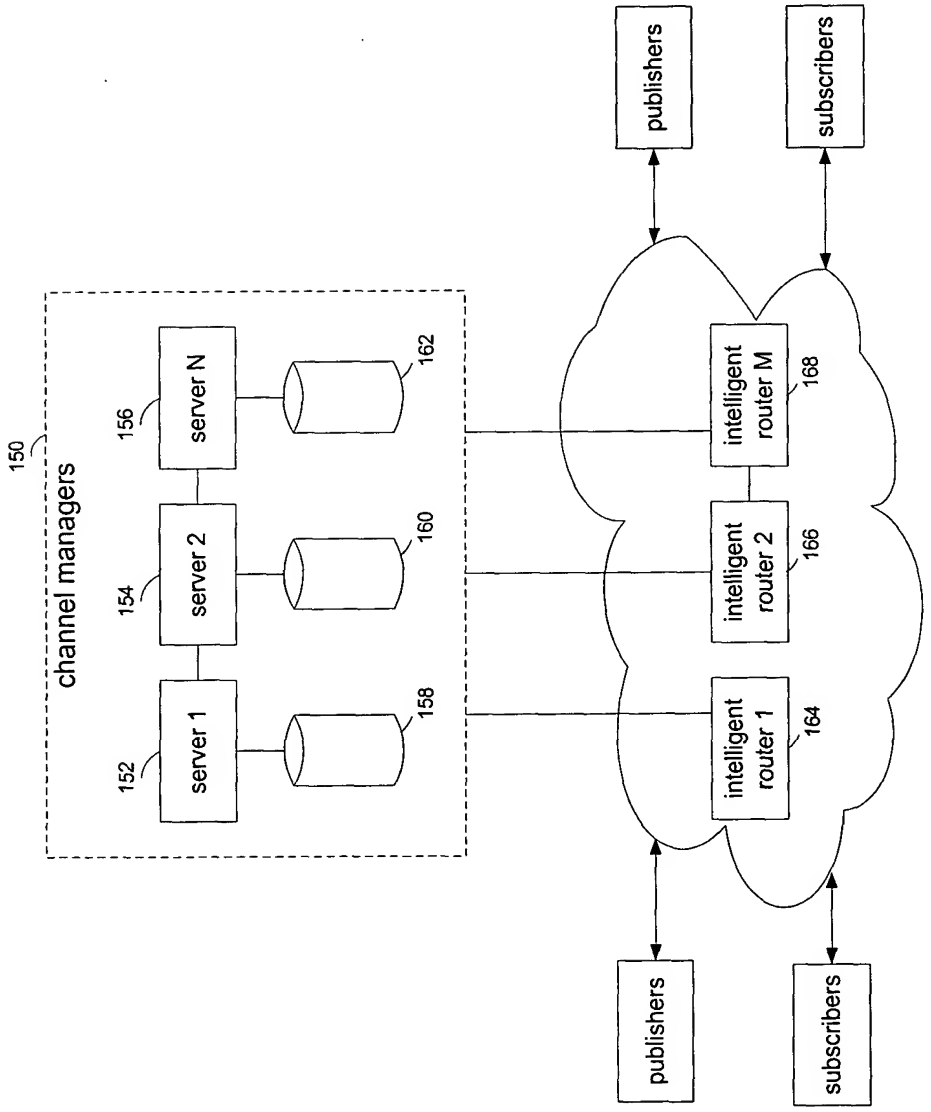

publishers
subscribers
150
channel managers
server N
156
162
server 2
154
160
server 1
152
158
intelligent router M
168
intelligent router 2
166
intelligent router 1
164
publishers
subscribers

FIG. 6

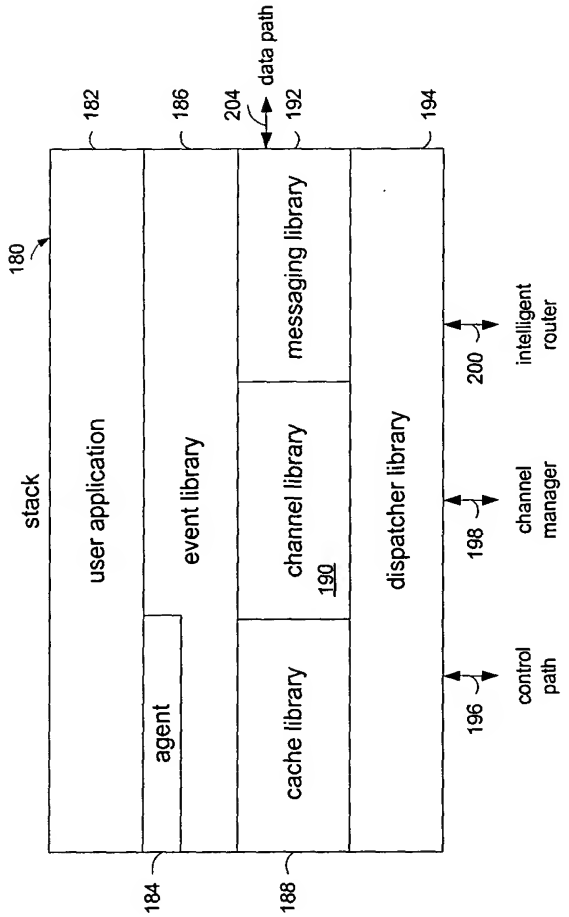

data path
182
186
204
192
194
180
stack
user application
event library
messaging library
channel library
190
dispatcher library
agent
cache library
200
intelligent router
198
channel manager
196
control path
184
188

FIG. 7

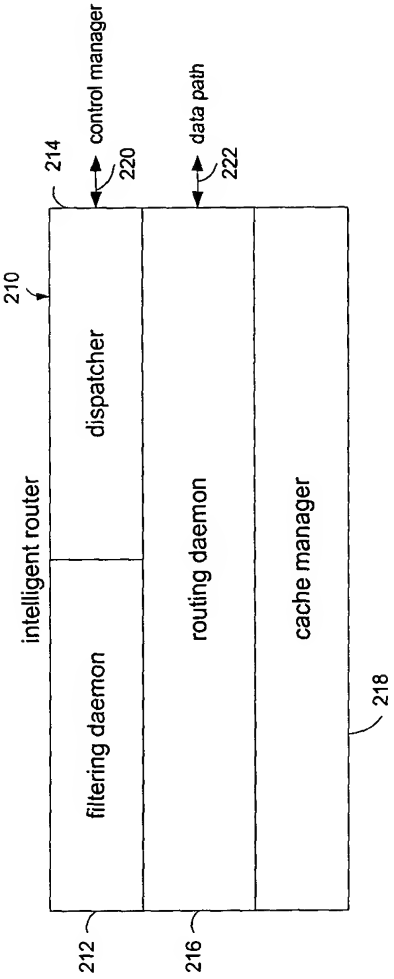

control manager
data path
214
220
222
210
dispatcher
intelligent router
filtering daemon
routing daemon
cache manager
218
212
216

FIG. 8

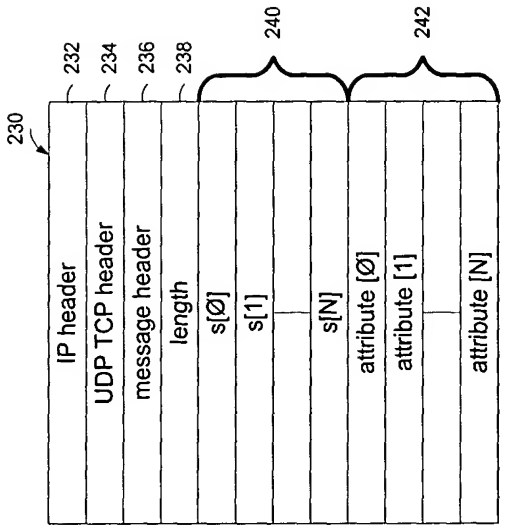

230
232
234
236
238
240
242
IP header
UDP TCP header
message header
length
s[Ø]
s[1]
s[N]
attribute [Ø]
attribute [1]
attribute [N]

FIG. 9

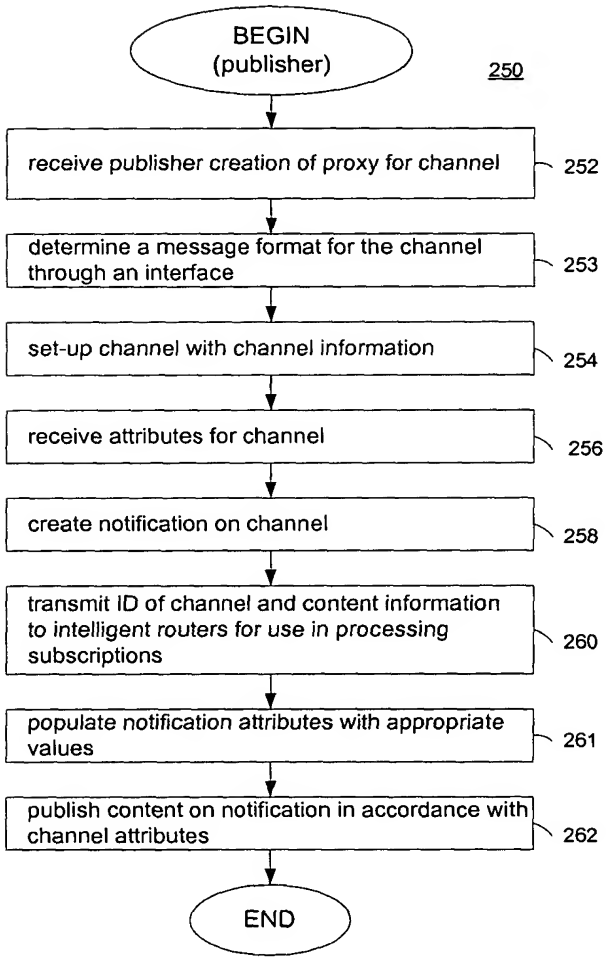

BEGIN
(publisher)
250
receive publisher creation of proxy for channel
252
determine a message format for the channel through an interface
253
set-up channel with channel information
254
receive attributes for channel
256
create notification on channel
258
transmit ID of channel and content information to intelligent routers for use in processing subscriptions
260
populate notification attributes with appropriate values
261
publish content on notification in accordance with channel attributes
262
END

FIG. 10

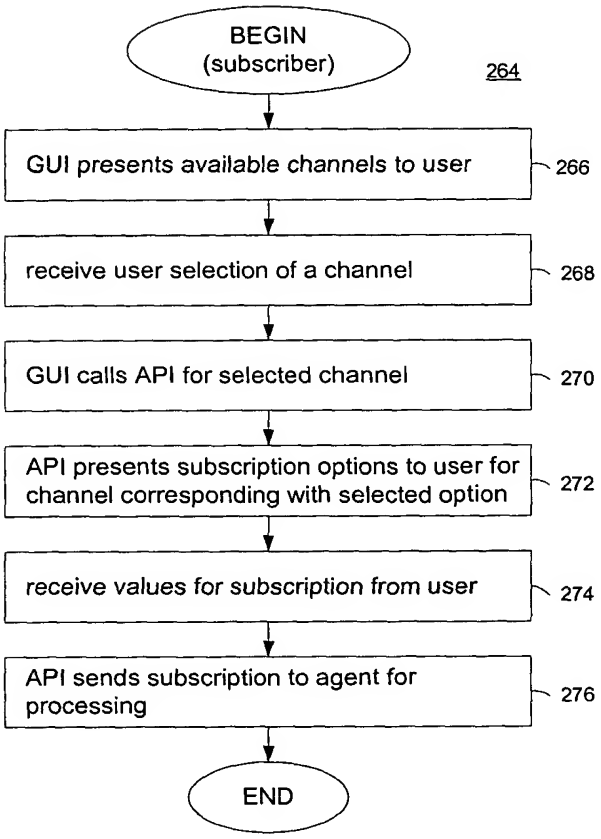

BEGIN
(subscriber)
264
GUI presents available channels to user
266
receive user selection of a channel
268
GUI calls API for selected channel
270
API presents subscription options to user for channel corresponding with selected option
272
receive values for subscription from user
274
API sends subscription to agent for processing
276
END

FIG. 11

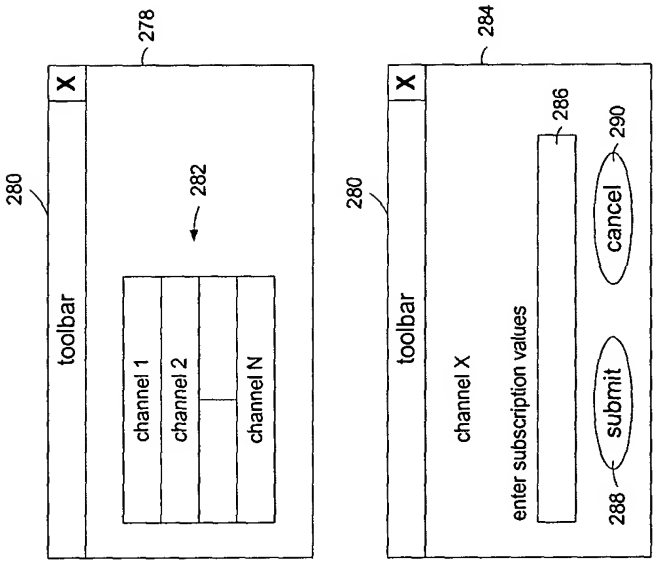

278
280
X
toolbar
282
channel 1
channel 2
channel N
284
280
X
toolbar
channel X
enter subscription values
286
cancel
290
submit
288

FIG. 12

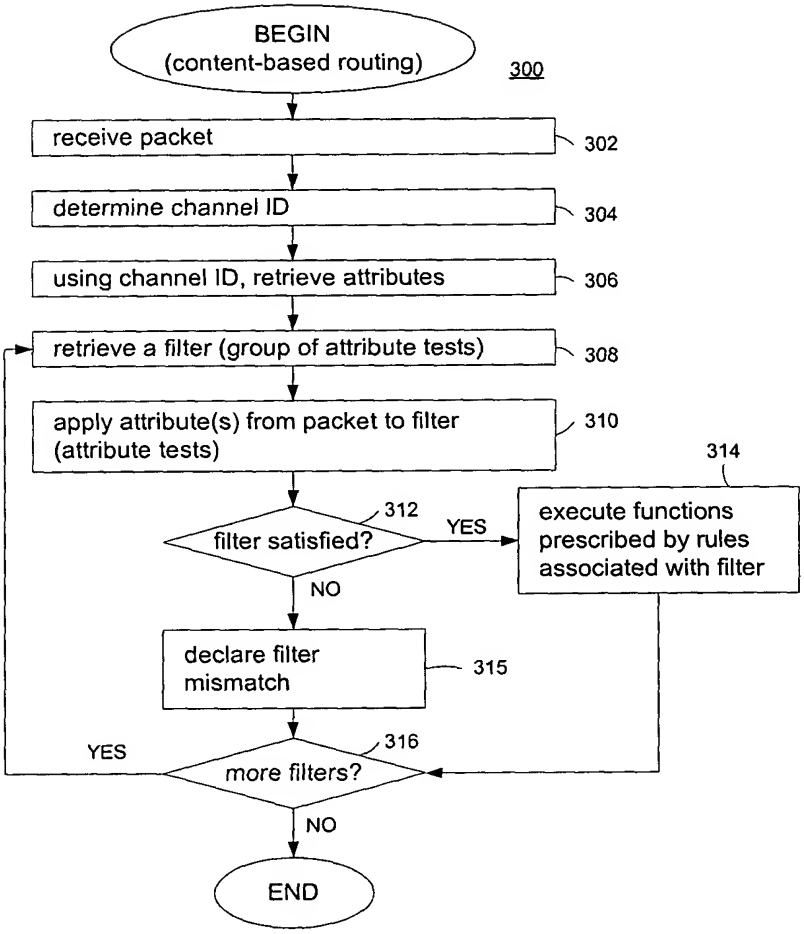

BEGIN
(content-based routing)
300
receive packet
302
determine channel ID
304
using channel ID, retrieve attributes
306
retrieve a filter (group of attribute tests)
308
apply attribute(s) from packet to filter
(attribute tests)
310
314
filter satisfied?
312
YES
execute functions
prescribed by rules
associated with filter
NO
declare filter
mismatch
315
YES
more filters?
316
NO
END

FIG. 13

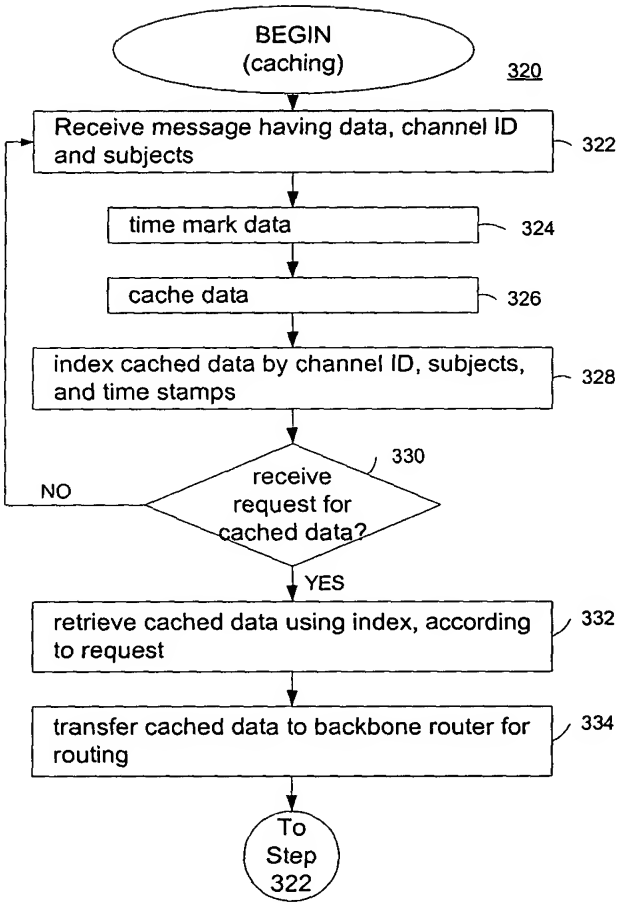
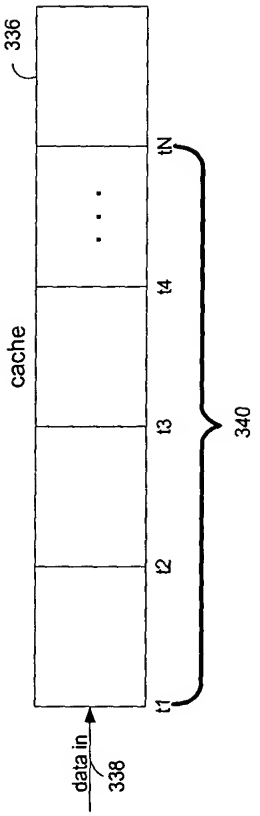

BEGIN
(caching)
320
Receive message having data, channel ID and subjects
322
time mark data
324
cache data
326
index cached data by channel ID, subjects, and time stamps
328
330
receive request for cached data?
NO
YES
retrieve cached data using index, according to request
332
transfer cached data to backbone router for routing
334
To Step 322

FIG. 14



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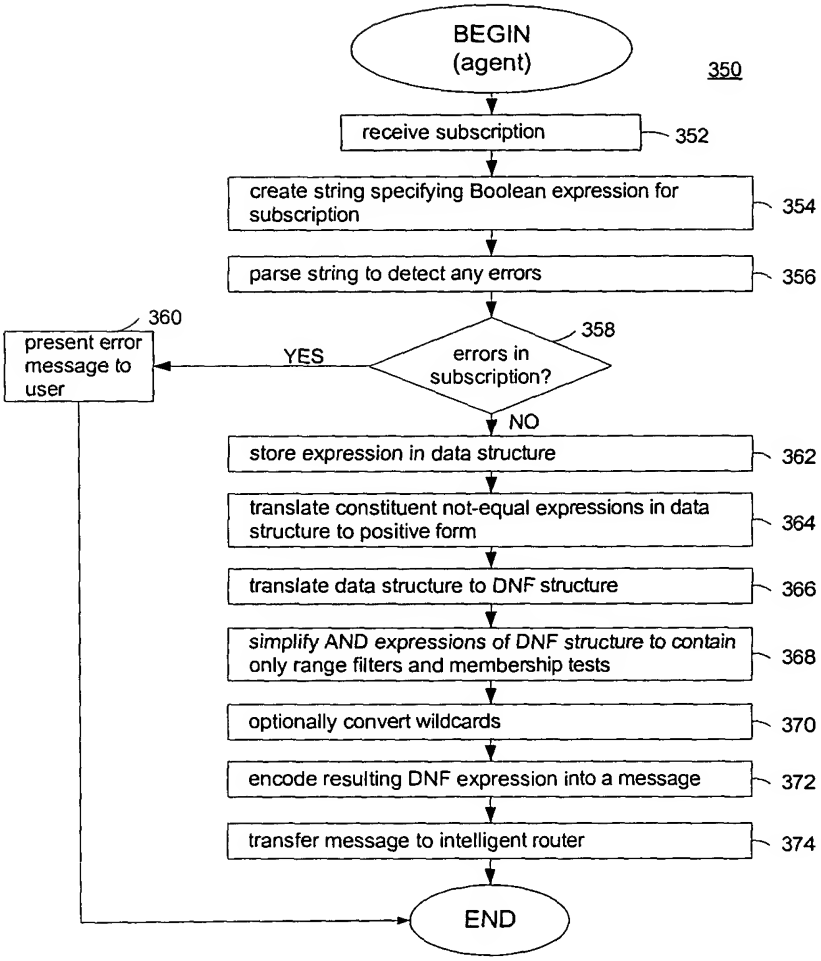

BEGIN
(agent)
350
receive subscription
352
create string specifying Boolean expression for subscription
354
parse string to detect any errors
356
errors in subscription?
358
YES
360
present error message to user
NO
store expression in data structure
362
translate constituent not-equal expressions in data structure to positive form
364
translate data structure to DNF structure
366
simplify AND expressions of DNF structure to contain only range filters and membership tests
368
optionally convert wildcards
370
encode resulting DNF expression into a message
372
transfer message to intelligent router
374
END

FIG. 16

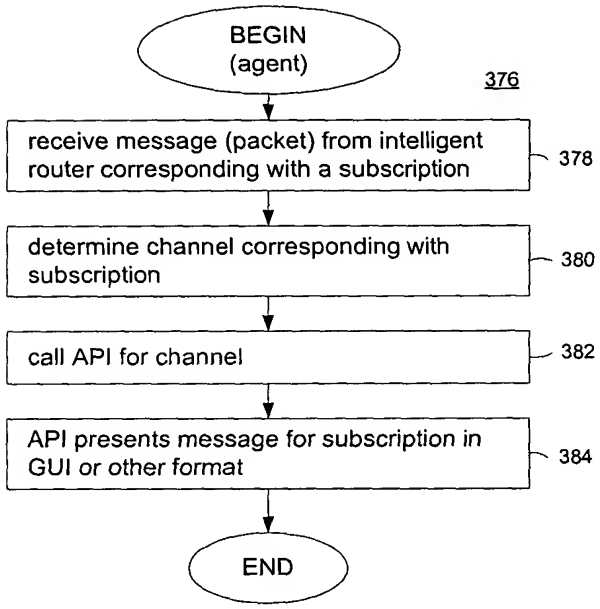

BEGIN
(agent)
376
receive message (packet) from intelligent router corresponding with a subscription
378
determine channel corresponding with subscription
380
call API for channel
382
API presents message for subscription in GUI or other format
384
END

FIG. 17

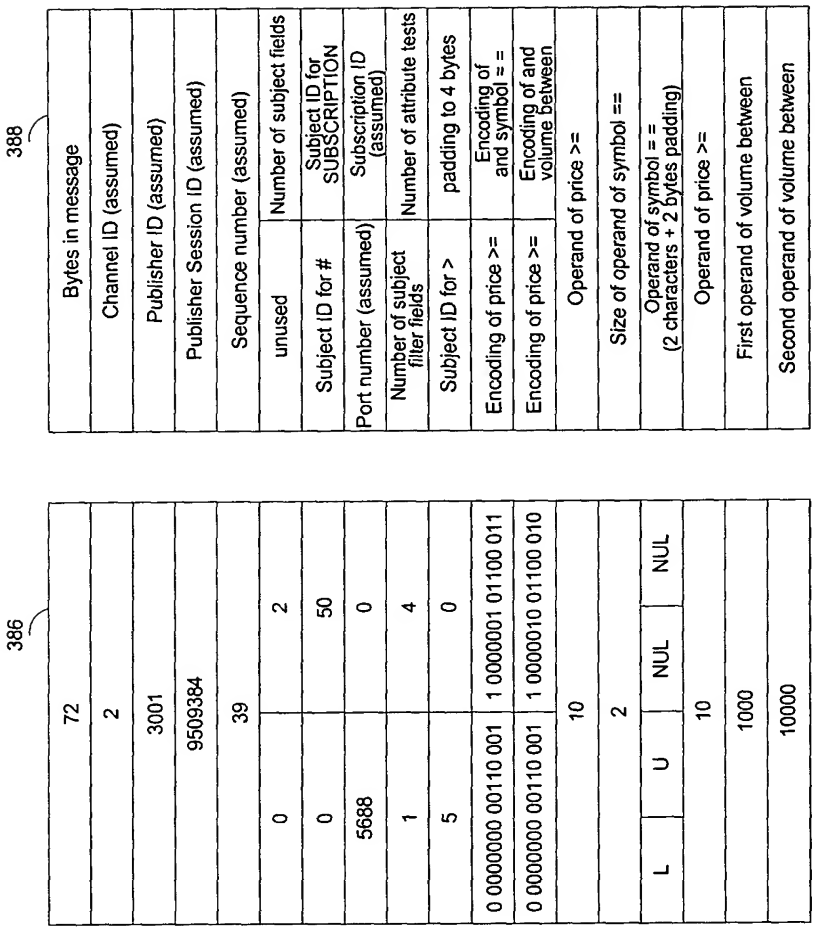

386
388
Bytes in message
Channel ID (assumed)
Publisher ID (assumed)
Publisher Session ID (assumed)
Sequence number (assumed)
unused
Number of subject fields
Subject ID for #
Subject ID for SUBSCRIPTION
Port number (assumed)
Subscription ID (assumed)
Number of subject filter fields
Number of attribute tests
Subject ID for >
padding to 4 bytes
Encoding of price >=
Encoding of and symbol = =
Encoding of price >=
Encoding of and volume between
Operand of price >=
Size of operand of symbol ==
Operand of symbol = = (2 characters + 2 bytes padding)
Operand of price >=
First operand of volume between
Second operand of volume between
72
2
3001
9509384
39
0
2
0
50
5688
0
1
4
5
0
0 0000000 00110 001
1 0000001 01100 011
0 0000000 00110 001
1 0000010 01100 010
10
2
L
U
NUL
NUL
10
1000
10000

FIG. 18

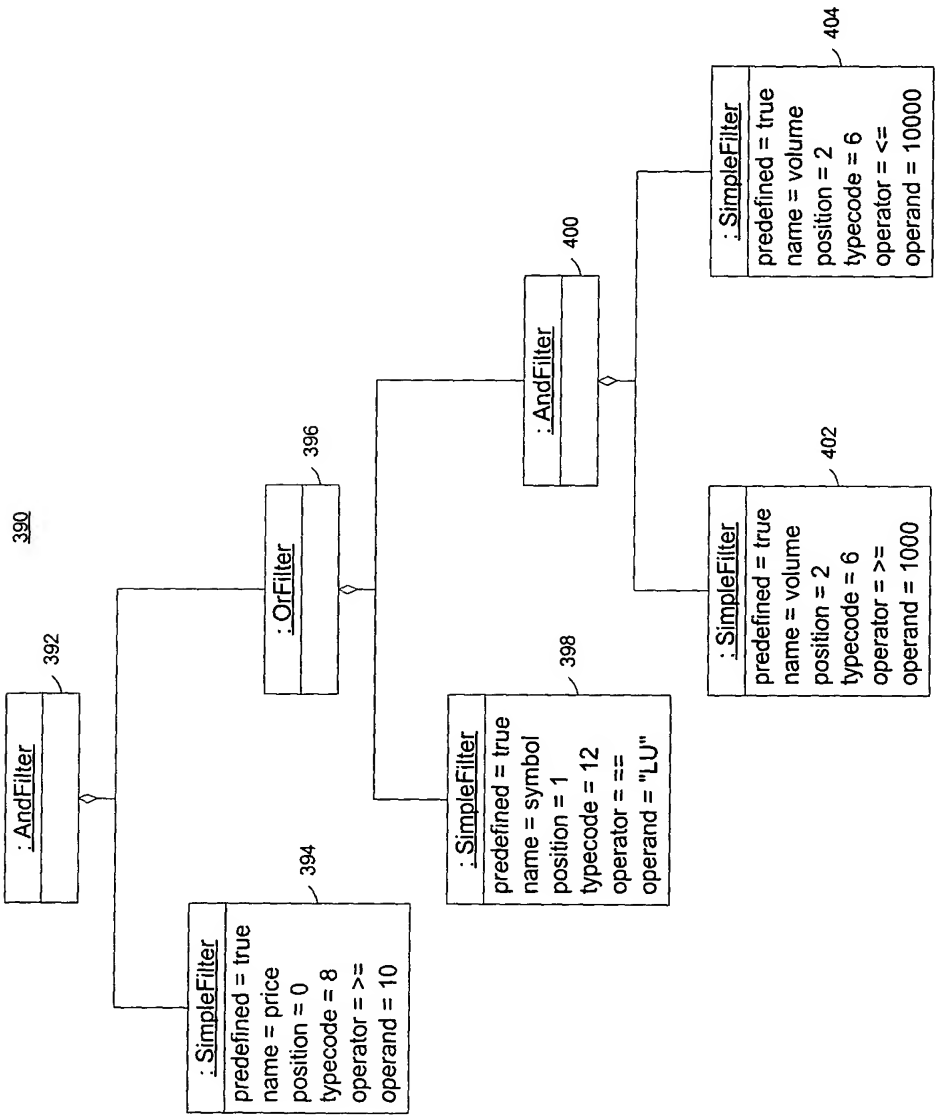

390
: AndFilter
392
: SimpleFilter
predefined = true
name = price
position = 0
typecode = 8
operator = >=
operand = 10
394
: OrFilter
396
: SimpleFilter
predefined = true
name = symbol
position = 1
typecode = 12
operator = ==
operand = "LU"
398
: AndFilter
400
: SimpleFilter
predefined = true
name = volume
position = 2
typecode = 6
operator = >=
operand = 1000
402
: SimpleFilter
predefined = true
name = volume
position = 2
typecode = 6
operator = <=
operand = 10000
404

FIG. 19

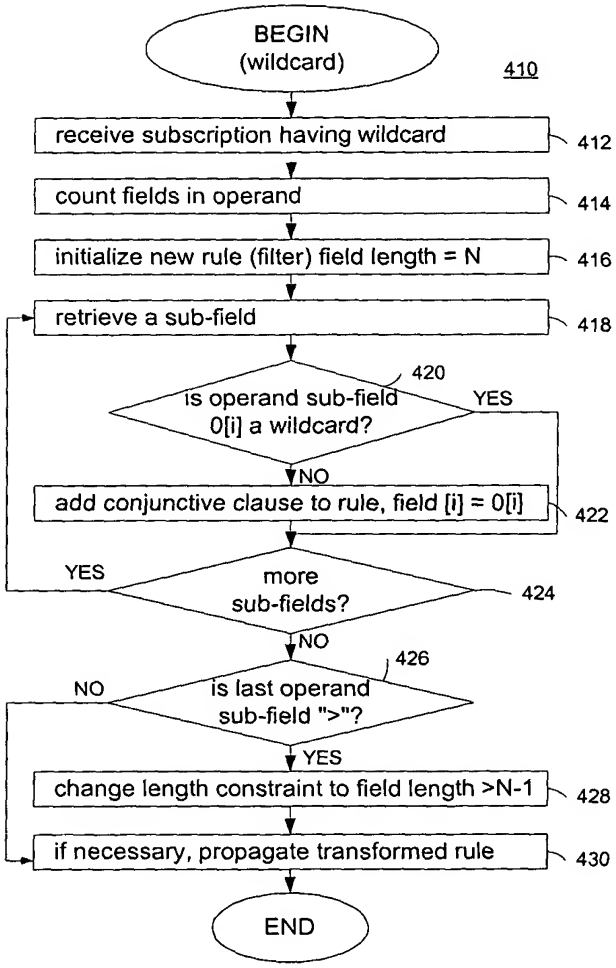

BEGIN
(wildcard)
410
receive subscription having wildcard
412
count fields in operand
414
initialize new rule (filter) field length = N
416
retrieve a sub-field
418
420
is operand sub-field 0[i] a wildcard?
YES
NO
add conjunctive clause to rule, field [i] = 0[i]
422
YES
more sub-fields?
424
NO
426
NO
is last operand sub-field ">"?
YES
change length constraint to field length >N-1
428
if necessary, propagate transformed rule
430
END

FIG. 20

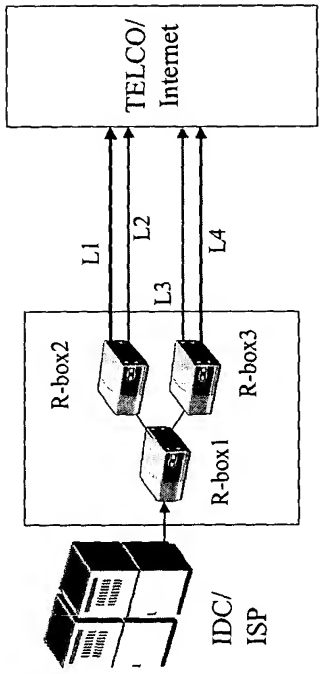
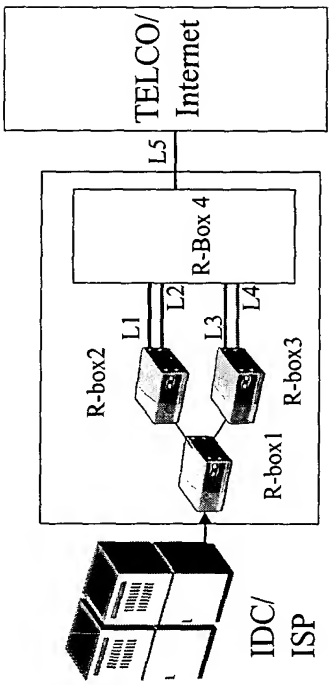


FIG. 21



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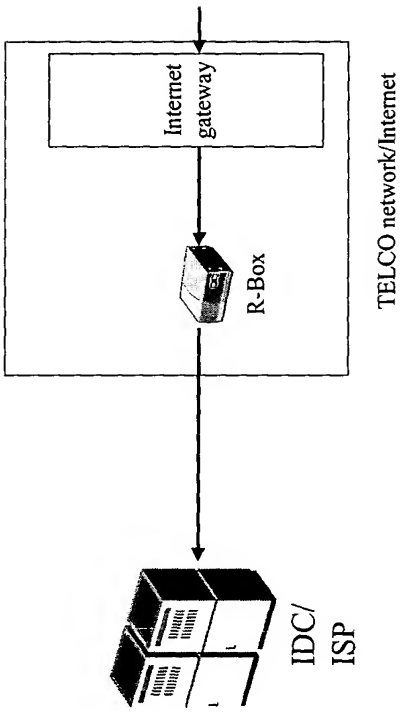

FIG. 23